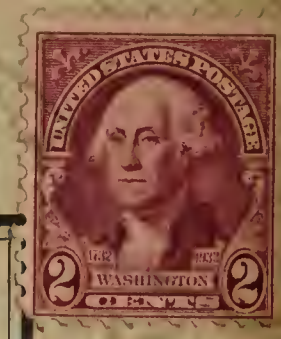

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ONE-YEAR TERMS

Tax Collector

CLARA A. LINCOLN

Treasurer

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Tree Warden

CLARENCE L. GRIMES

Auditor

ORTON O. BUTLER

Fence Viewers

W. WALLACE GRIMES FRANK H. BOYD
ALFRED C. MORSE

Measurers of Lumber

WALTER A. WOODIS GEORGE H. MORSE
SYLVESTER R. DEAN

Measurers of Wood and Bark

JOHN H. MOORE HENRY BUTLER
RALPH I. DANIELS

Field Drivers

JOHN ROBINSON JOHN O'DONNELL
PERCY F. WILBUR

Town Agent

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Constables

W. E. SWINDELL BERT S. REED
DONALD C. AGAR RALPH DANIELS
ROBERT DWELLY PERCY F. WILBUR

APPOINTED

Cattle Inspector
HENRY W. STONE

Meat and Provisions
HENRY W. STONE

Sealer of Weights and Measurers
RALPH DANIELS

Fire Warden
~~W. E. SWINDELL~~

Moth Superintendent
CLARENCE GRIMES

Undertaker and Burial Agent
JAMES P. FAIRBANK

Janitor of Hall
W. E. SWINDELL

Janitor of Library
CARL M. WHEELER

Dog Officer
RALPH DANIELS

School Superintendent
JAMES R. CHILDS

List of Jurors

DONALD C. AGAR, Farmer
ORTON O. BUTLER, Clerk
RALPH B. DANIELS, Contractor
JOHN MORAN, Farmer
JOHN ROBINSON, Farmer
W. EDGAR SWINDELL, Mail Carrier
WINTHROP H. BOYD, Farmer

Report of The
TOWN CLERK

VITAL RECORDS OF 1931

BIRTHS

Jan. 5 Mary Philomena, daughter of John and Josephine (Lamzinska) Dogol.

Jan. 6 Edward William, son of Edward L. and Ellen M. (Childs) MacAlister.

Jan. 24 William McFarland, son of William M. and Lucy (Wright) Morse.

Jan. 31 Merle George, son of Alfred B. and Dorothy E. F. (Moore) Morse.

Apr. 3 Chester C., Jr., son of Chester C. and Josephine (Karp) Showalter.

May 6 William Algird, son of Paul and Mary (Mockeviciute) Yurkevicius.

June 3 Elizabeth, daughter of Matthew and Stephana (Varnot) Kowal.

Aug. 30 George Franklin, son of Ralph E. and Helen G. T. (Lacount) Wells.

Oct. 31 Laura Eva, daughter of Sante and Elexina (Labonte) Rossi.

Total 9.

MARRIAGES

May 29 Francis William Dorsey and Blanche Alma Knight of Barre.

Oct. 9 Asa A. Shepherd of Worcester and Ruth G. Morse of Oakham.

Total 2.

DEATHS

		Y.	M.	D.
Feb. 19	Frederick A. Lapham	74	7	22
Feb. 26	Lillian M. (Mathews) Nichols	71	10	7
Mar. 16	William A. Nye	77	2	15
Mar. 17	Leander W. Newton	92	3	19
Apr. 11	May Lucenne Dufresne	1	3	15
May 31	John Zida	48		
June 11	Arthur K. Reed	57	9	20
Aug. 18	Sarah F. (Holman) Woodis	91	9	30
Dec. 1	Esther (Colwell) Bennett	86	4	19

Total 9.

BURIED IN TOWN

	Y.	M.	D.
Albert Norman Sellman of Lynn			1
Charles L. Haskell of Worcester	64	8	3
Ada B. (McLaughlin) Snow of New Braintree	70	6	13

DOG LICENSES

80 males and spayed females @ $2.00	$160 00	
23 females @ $5.00	115 00	
103		$275 00

GAME LICENSES

50 Sporting @ $2.75	$137 50	
9 Free (over age limit)		
2 Duplicates @ $.50	1 00	
1 Trapper's	5 25	
62		$143 75

Respectfully submitted,

EFFIE T. SWINDELL,

Town Clerk.

Report of The
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1931:

PAID TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk		
Paid Effie T. Swindell		$ 85 00
Treasurer		
Paid Clara Lincoln		$200 00
Tax Collector		
Paid Clara Lincoln		$125 00
Selectmen		
Paid John P. Day	$100 00	
Sylvester R. Dean	75 00	
Walter A. Woodis	75 00	
		$250 00
Assessors		
Paid C. M. Wheeler	$ 92 46	
John Moran	125 00	
Winthrop Boyd	90 00	
		$307 46
Auditor		
Paid Orton Butler		$75 00
Ballot Clerk and Tellers		
Paid Mrs. Minnie Newton	$5 00	
Mrs. Carrie Fairbanks	5 00	
Mrs. Annie Robinson	5 00	
Mrs. Fannie Ayres	5 00	
		$20 00
Registrars of Voters		
Paid Mrs. Effie Swindell	$6 00	
John P. Day	2 00	

Walter Woodis	2 00	
		$10 00
Moderator		
Paid C. H. Trowbridge		$3 00
Total for town officers		$1,075 46
Sealer of Weights and Measures		
Paid Ralph Daniels		$25 00
Dog Officer		
Paid Ralph Daniels		$15 00
Public Welfare		
Paid for support of poor		$794 01
School Committee		
Paid for support of schools		$12,183 34
Superintendent of Streets		
Paid for highway labor	$3,717 41	
for material	2,307 59	
		$6,025 00
Chapter 90, Maintenance		
Paid for labor	$ 326 60	
for material	1,173 39	
		$1,499 99
Chapter 90, Extension		
Paid for labor	$ 26 35	
for material	373 56	
		$399 91
Chapter 90, North Brookfield Road		
Paid for labor	$4,987 36	
for material	2,511 20	
		$7,498 56
Library		
Paid for support of library		$571 19
Cemetery Committee		
Paid for support of cemeteries		$460 64
Bonds for Town Officers		
Paid for collector's and treasurer's bond	$44 00	
for town clerk	5 00	
		$49 00

State and County Tax		
Paid state tax	$600 00	
county	960 00	
auditing	392 48	
provision public health	9 42	
old age assistance tax	146 00	
		$2,107 90
Note		
Paid North Brookfield National Bank note	$4,000 00	
Interest	30 01	
		$4,030 01
Insurance of Employees		
Paid Frank A. Smith & Son		$344 08
Opening Roads		
Paid for opening roads		$1,848 72
Fire Department		
Paid for fighting fires		$216 08
Gypsy Moth		
Paid for suppression of moths		$240 55
Bridges		
Paid for bridges		$160 00
Street Lights		
Paid Gardner Electric Light Co.		$438 00
Inspection of Barns		
Paid Henry Stone		$35 00
Inspection of Meat		
Paid Henry Stone		$35 60
Police		
Paid for police		$30 96
Printing		
Paid Heffernan Press	$152 00	
Barre Gazette	46 00	
		$198 00
Memorial Day		
Paid Leone Daniels		$15 00
Painting Hall		
Paid Ralph Daniels		$300 00
Town Officers' Supplies		
Paid for supplies		$94 26

for supplies $19.26, see miscellaneous account

Tree Warden

Paid Clarence Grimes		$50 00

Sidewalks

Paid Donald Agar	$196 90	
H. D. Bullard	3 10	
		$200 00

Repairing Tractor

Paid Barre Motor Co.		$336 42

Industrial School

Paid City of Worcester, tuition	$289 53	
Laurel Sney, transportation	89 60	
Eldridge Lacount, transportation	120 87	
Eldridge Lacount, transportation $50.53, see miscellaneous account		
		$500 00

Miscellaneous

Paid Gardner Electric Light Co., hall	$ 35 05	
E. V. Newton, registration of trucks and tractor	8 00	
Carl Christensen, repairs	3 20	
Sara Butler, pump	3 85	
Care of public safety blanks	50	
Frank A. Smith & Son, insurance	21 10	
Barre Gazette, printing	1 75	
John P. Day, 2 trips to Boston	10 00	
John Moran, 1 trip to Boston	5 00	
Carl Wheeler, care of clock	35 00	
M. F. Lincoln, recording deed	3 17	
J. C. Rutherford, wood	44 00	
Edgar Swindell, care of hall	122 90	
Mechanics National Bank, rent of box	4 00	
John P. Day, postage and telephone	4 25	
George S. Butler, supplies	6 05	
Thos. Wardell, certifying note	2 00	
Ralph Daniels, new eaves trough	42 08	
Dr. Cheetham, board of health	4 00	
Effie Swindell, recording records	5 00	
Ralph Kendall, district hospital	82 05	

Joseph Rogers, abatement auto tax	5 91	
Eldridge Lacount, ind. school transportation	50 53	
		$499 39
Total expenditures		$42,227 07

Reserve Fund

Appropriation $200

Transferred to town officers' supplies	$19 26	
Transferred to opening roads	97 83	
Transferred to bridges	60 00	
Transferred to Fire Department	16 08	
Transferred to Police Department	5 96	
		$199 13

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. DAY,

SYLVESTER R. DEAN,

WALTER A. WOODIS,

Selectmen of Oakham.

Report of The
LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Town appropriation	$350 00	
Interest on deposits	21 65	
Dog fund	201 31	
Library fines and cards	4 79	

EXPENDITURES

Carl Christiansen, janitor (4 months)	$ 44 00	
Carl Wheeler, janitor (3 months)	33 00	
Jessie Russell, librarian	100 00	
Ethel Viner, assistant librarian	50 00	
Arthur White, magazines	21 65	
Needlecraft, magazines	1 00	
Frank Cooney, repairing electric light	6 40	
Ralph Daniels, refinishing	20 00	
Winsor Book Shoppe, books	11 44	
Gaylord Bros., supplies	2 85	
George S. Butler, supplies	2 10	
Remington Rand, Inc.	1 75	
David Labonte, wood	10 00	
Eugene McCarthy, coke	139 44	
Crowley Coal Co., coal	112 00	
Gardner Electric Light Co.	14 20	
Postage	96	
Box rent	40	
		$571 19

Respectfully submitted,

SARA E. BUTLER,
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL,
JOHN G. VANCE,

Trustees.

Report of The LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of Forbes Memorial Library:

The number of books now in the library is 4,382.

We have added 77 books in the year 1931, and discarded 15, which were too badly worn for further use. The circulation during the year was 4,218. The largest number of books taken out any one day was 56.

We wish to publicly thank all those who have made gifts to the library, of books, or curios to be placed in the Historical Room.

RECEIPTS

Received for fines and sale of cards $4.79. We have still a number of copies of "The Soldiers of Oakham" and of "Forbes Memorial Library" which we would be glad to sell at $1.00 each.

LIST OF NEW BOOKS

Helbeck of Bannisdale
De Night in De Front from Christmas
20,000 Leagues Under The Sea
Daisy and Daphne
Jack of All Trades
A 20th Century Boy
Deacon Bradbury
Mint Julep
Uncle William
Desert of Wheat
Rules of the Game
His Hour
Lucky in Love
The Interloper
The Wind
The Mantle of Silence
A Good Indian
All Quiet on the Western Front
The Girl in the Mirror
The Village Doctor
The Mathematics of Guilt
The Southerner
Plains of Abraham
October's Child
His Elizabeth
The Border Legion
Christmas and I
Beauty and the Beast
The Golden Bowl
Crippled Lady of Peribonka
Child of the North
Princess Charming
Empty Hands

The Twenty-Fourth of June
At the South Gate
Anne Belinda
Kneel to the Prettiest
The Adventures of Francois
Under Two Flags
The Claxtons
The Cardinal's Snuff Box
Cecilia
The Taskmasters
The Strongest Master
The Blue Goose
When Knighthood Was in Flower
The Shuttle
The Bishop's Emeralds
The Supreme Surrender
Land of the Free
The Intriguers
Castle Craneycrow
In the Bishop's Carriage
The Banner of Blue
Silas Bradford's Boy
The Listening Post
Glorious Betsey
Little Ships
The White Flower
The Girl with Red Hair
The Youngest Venus
Tetherstones
Burning Beauty
Silver Slippers
Lucretia Lombard
Yesterday's Harvest
Copper Moon
As No Woman Hath Loved
The Obstacle Race
One Summer
Blue Ruin
April and Sally June
Red Silence
Broken
Man The Women Loved
The Prodigal Girl
A Passionate Rebel
Rainbow in The Spray

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE D. RUSSELL, Librarian.

Report of The
BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Department of Public Welfare, Boston, board	$313 00	
Charlton Home Farm Association	144 88	
C. S. Dodge, attorney's fees	17 00	
Paul Snyder, burial	38 00	
City of Worcester, hospital bill	53 55	
George S. Butler, groceries	2 08	
Given aid	200 00	
Carl M. Wheeler, services	25 00	
M. F. Lincoln, services and clerk	25 00	
Sara E. Butler, services	5 00	
Telephone and postage	50	
		$794 01
Cr.		
Received from Carl M. Wheeler		
Conservator for Albert Hapgood	$324 00	
Martin Winsky	29 60	
F. W. Beckwith	30 00	
		$383 60
Balance		$410 41

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. WHEELER, Chairman
SARA E. BUTLER,
M. F. LINCOLN, Clerk.

Report of The
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

AMOUNT EXPENDED ON ROADS IN THE TOWN OF OAKHAM IN 1931 UNDER CHAPTER 81

No.	Road	Amount
1	North Brookfield	$401 50
2	New Braintree	97 20
3	East Hill	33 40
4	Hubbardston	20 00
5	Cadwell	.... ..
6	Pine Plain	13 20
7	Poverty Square	7 80
8	Depot or Coldbrook	432 30
9	Ware Corner	311 40
10	Robinson	116 80
11	Parmenter	11 80
12	Sanders	.... ..
13	South	115 90
14	Spencer	276 90
15	Flint	.... ..
16	Bechan	228 80
17	Lupa	212 30
18	Crawford	57 10
19	Whitehall	4 00
20	Old Turnpike	316 80
21	Old Turnpike Extension	.... ..
22	Rutland	119 00
23	Swindell	3 00
24	Hapgood	39 70
25	Sargents Lane	2 40
26	Stone	39 00
27	Rutherford	58 08
28	Lincoln	100 50
29	Maple Street	44 55

30 Barre		86 68	
31 Daniels		7 00	
32 Bullard		11 10	
33 Edson		23 90	
34 Happy Hollow		5 00	
35 Hunt		141 90	
36 Adams		85 00	
37 George's Lane		15 20	
38 J. Gaffney		19 00	
39 Scott		64 70	
40 Crocker Nye		28 60	
41 Whitney		12 00	
Gas and oil		376 82	
Machinery		7 04	
Machinery repairs		462 57	
Tools		83 17	
Tool repairs		110 68	
Patching tar		137 95	
Sand and gravel		137 70	
Road oil		418 90	
Tar		391 20	
Grease		26 60	
Blasting supplies		92 80	
Traffic line		67 50	
Express		3 85	
Miscellaneous		19 71	
Total expenditure			$6,025 00
Total payrolls	$3,717 41	Town allotment	$1,125 00
Total materials	2,307 59	State allotment	4,500 00
		Total	$5,625 00
		Extra for oil	400 00
Total	$6,025 00	Total	$6,025 00

Summary of Work Done on Roads

Used 1,377 yards gravel
Used 6,530 gallons tar
Used 4,062 gallons oil

More tar has been used this year improving the hard surface roads.

The construction on the North Brookfield road should be continued during the coming year.

AMOUNT EXPENDED IN 1931 UNDER CHAPTER 90

Maintenance			
Total payrolls	$ 326 60	Town allotment	$ 300 00
Total material	1,173 39	State and county	1,200 00
New Construction			
Total payrolls	$4,987 26	Town allotment	$1,500 00
Total material	2,511 20	State and county	6,000 00
Completion of 1930 New Construction			
Total payrolls	$ 26 36	Town allotment	$400 00
Total material	373 56		
Total	$9,398 36	Total	$9,400 00

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER V. NEWTON,

Superintendent of Streets.

Report of The
TAX COLLECTOR

Warrants from the assessors	$12,994 25	
December assessment	387 65	
On New England Power Co.	10 00	
Metropolitan Water Works	361 73	
		$13,753 63
State tax	$ 600 00	
County tax	960 00	
Town tax	10,231 82	
Auditing municipal tax	392 48	
State Park Reservation	9 42	
County tubercular tax	82 08	
December 1st assessment	387 65	
Extra on New England Power Co.	10 00	
Metropolitan Water Works	361 73	
Overlay	718 45	
Interest	5 29	
		$13,758 92
Received cash collected	$9,110 39	
Old Age Assistance Tax collected	144 00	
Uncollected January 1, 1932	4,500 53	
Uncollected Old Age Tax	4 00	
		$13,758 92

1930 REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL AND POLL

Uncollected January 1, 1931	$4,188 91	
Interest	99 31	
		$4,288 22
Collected to January 1, 1932		$2,203 11
Balance		$2,085 11

1929 TAXES

Uncollected January 1, 1931	$1,661 91	
Interest	132 14	
		$1,794 05
Collected to January 1, 1932		$1,735 43
		$ 58 62

1931 EXCISE TAX

Excise tax for 1931	$818 25	
Interest	1 59	
		$819 84
Collected	$748 06	
Abatements	7 80	
Uncollected January 1, 1932	63 98	
		$819 84

1930 EXCISE TAX

Balance on 1930 excise tax	$179 87	
Committed by assessors in Jan. 1931 for 1930	4 00	
	$183 87	
Interest	1 31	
		$185 18
Cash received	$ 71 09	
Abatements	12 92	
Uncollected	101 17	
		$185 18

1929 EXCISE TAX

Balance on 1929 excise tax	$614 57	
Interest	3 48	
	$618 05	
		$618 05
Collected	$ 38 21	
Uncollected	579 84	
		$618 05

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA A. LINCOLN, Collector.

Report of The
CHARLTON HOME FARM ASSOCIATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1931

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1931	$ 2,773 76	
Received and due for inmates' board	11,109 56	
Received for boarders	688 44	
Received for milk	910 73	
Received for stock	1,152 00	
Received for miscellaneous	8 20	
Received for interest on deposit	43 89	
		$16,686 58

EXPENDITURES

H. D. Sargent and wife	$1,800 00	
Help, inside and out	1,204 45	
Miscellaneous	923 84	
Groceries	1,268 97	
Meat, etc.	1,427 25	
Grain	1,420 65	
Coal	610 72	
Gasoline and oil	161 79	
Tobacco	259 76	
Supplies	1,164 19	
Repairs	201 32	
Electricity	108 24	
Telephone	60 16	
Stock	840 00	
Medical attendance	44 50	
Insurance	92 00	
	$11,388 44	
Cost of new building	4,324 01	
		$15,712 45
Balance in treasury		$974 13

Ashburnham, Brookfield, Charlton, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holden, Leicester, Millbury, Oakham, Paxton, Rutland, Warren, West Brookfield, Westminster, Princeton, and Holland had inmates during the year, and Auburn, Berlin, Boylston, Dana, New Braintree, Sterling and Hubbardston had none.

For several years the Supervisor of State Infirmaries has recommended an addition to the house, so that inmates occupying the third floor could be cared for on the ground floor.

At its July meeting, the Association voted to build the addition and appropriated $4,500.00 for the same. This addition is completed and occupied, and the several towns in the Association will be assessed to pay for it. It is hoped that this will be attended to at the several town meetings.

The expense of the new addition follows:—

Contract, carpenter, plasterer, etc.	$3,489 00	
Plumbing and heating	490 00	
Electric wiring and fixtures	60 00	
Paint, material and labor	260 01	
Plans, etc.	25 00	
		$4,324 01

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT N. SHEPARD, President.

LOUIS M. HANFF, Secretary.

Charlton, Jan. 1, 1932

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited all bills of the Association for the year ending December 31, 1931, including money received and expended, and have found them correct; also all checks which were signed by the president and treasurer.

CARL F. DAVIS, Auditor.

Report of The
TOWN TREASURER

	Received	Paid Out
Jan. 1, 1931—Cash on hand	$4,631 32	
Bonding		$ 49 00
Bridges		160 00
Abatement on excise tax		5 91
Borrowed from No. Brookfield Nat'l Bank	4,000 00	
Bills payable		4,000 00
County tax		960 00
Cemeteries	110 50	460 64
Interest from Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund	301 57	
Department of Public Welfare	386 60	794 01
Dog officer		15 00
Fire Department	10 95	216 08
Gypsy moth		240 55
Inspection of barns	17 50	35 00
Inspection of meats		35 60
County District Hospital Association		82 05
Insuring employees		344 08
Interest	43 62	30 01
Industrial school	319 44	550 53
Library Department		571 19
Interest from Wright Fund for Magazines	21 65	
Dog tax refund	201 31	
Fines	4 79	
Memorial Day Association		15 00
Miscellaneous department		358 90
Permits and licenses	5 10	
Rent of Memorial Hall	42 50	
Director of Accounts		2 00
Painting Memorial Hall		300 00
Opening roads		1,750 89
Erecting snow fences		97 83
Printing		198 00

Police		30 96
Court fines from Central District Worcester Court	22 50	
Roads, Chapter 81—labor		3,717 41
Roads, Chapter 81—material		2,307 59
Roads, Chapter 90—maintenance		1,499 99
Roads, Chapter 90—completement		399 91
Roads, Chapter 90—material and labor		7,498 56
Street lights		438 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures		29 15
Ralph I. Daniels, fees in 1930	5 93	
Ralph I. Daniels, fees in 1931	3 16	
Director of Standards	3 00	
School Department		12,183 34
Superintendent for small towns	193 33	
State School Fund	2,373 27	
State Educational	715 00	
State High School tuition	2,260 00	
State transportation	1,774 80	
State reimbursement, loss of taxes	88 34	
State Income Tax 1931, state valuation	1,384 00	
State Cor. Tax Business	20 85	
State R. R. Telephone & Telegraph Co.	56 72	
State Trust Co. tax	21	
State Veterans' Exemption	7 20	
State Cor. Tax Public Service	1 58	
State roads	8,628 09	
State Sec. 7, Chap. 122, gasoline tax	1,125 00	
State Old Age Assistance		146 00
State Tax		600 00
Auditing municipal accounts		392 48
Protecting of Health, Neponset River		9 42
County—roads	4,122 55	
Sidewalks		200 00
Repairs on tractor		336 42
Town officers		1,075 46
Town officers, supplies		90 11
Tree Warden		50 00

Received for perpetual care for Thomas Loring lot	100 00	
Received for perpetual care for Simon O. Butler lot	100 00	
Balance not used on sign posts for 1929	42	
Deposited in the No. Brookfield Savings Bank		200 00
Received for 1929 excise tax	38 21	
Interest for 1929 excise tax	3 48	
1930 excise tax	69 78	
Interest on 1930 excise tax	1 31	
1931 excise tax	746 47	
Interest on 1931 excise tax	1 59	
Old Age Pension tax	144 00	
1931 taxes	9,105 10	
Interest	5 29	
1930 taxes	2,103 80	
Interest	99 31	
1929 tax	1,591 29	
Interest	132 14	
	$47,121 57	$42,477 07
On hand as Jan. 1, 1932		4,644 50
		$47,121 57

ALDEN FUND

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1931	$114 43	
Received for dividends 1931	241 61	
Interest on dividends	2 43	
		$358 47
Paid by orders drawn by the Selectmen		354 25
Balance, Jan. 1, 1932		$ 4 22

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA A. LINCOLN, Treasurer.

Report of The
CEMETERY COMMITTEE

To the Selectmen of Oakham:
Gentlemen:—

The Cemetery Committee reports the following receipts and expenditures for 1931:

RECEIPTS

Balance left from 1930	$172 07	
Annual care charges received	110 50	
Trust funds income	301 57	
		$584 14
Raised and appropriated 1931 levy		100 00
Total fund available		$684 14

EXPENDITURES

George S. Butler, supplies	$ 10 00	
Dressing	3 00	
R. Crawford, haulage	1 20	
D. LaBonte, haulage	3 00	
Labor, caring for lots and general care	443 44	
		$460 64
Unexpended balance		$223 50

Trust funds were received this year from Walter Loring for the Thomas Loring lot, and from the Henry Butler Estate for their lot. Both of these lots are located in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

The regrading program for the South Cemetery was continued this year and we hope to finish these plans this coming year. The general care required a little more work this season because of climatic conditions.

The Committee wishes to impress upon the owners of annual care lots, that have not paid their 1928, '29, '30 annual care charges

that if same remains unpaid when the coming season opens we will be compelled to drop the care from our active program.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY, Chairman,
EDWIN GREEN,
GEORGE W. DEAN.

Report of The AUDITOR

This is to certify that I have examined all bills of the Selectmen, Department of Public Welfare, School Committee, Superintendent of Streets, Tree and Fire Wardens and Library Trustees, and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Tax Collector and found them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

ORTON O. BUTLER, Auditor.

Report of The

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1931

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

James P. Fairbank, Chairman	Term expires 1933
Leone B. Daniels, Secretary	Term expires 1931
Gertrude M. Woodis	Term expires 1932

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

James R. Childs	Office: Holden 147-2
	Residence: Holden 209

SCHOOL NURSE

Amrean B. Blood, R. N.	Office: Holden 147-2
	Residence: Holden 109-5

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Rockwood H. Thayer, M. D.	Office: Holden 89-2
	Residence: Holden 162

ATTENDANCE OFFICER AND JANITOR

W. E. Swindell	Oakham 12-21

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter Term	Jan. 4, 1932 to Mar. 11, 1932
Spring Term	Mar. 28, 1932 to June 10, 1932
Fall Term	Sept. 6, 1932 to Dec. 23, 1932
Winter Term	Jan. 9, 1933 to Mar. 17, 1933

Report of The SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Appropriation for schools		$12,500 00
Receipts		
State returns—school fund	$2,373 27	
State returns—high school tuition	2,260 00	
State returns—high school transportation	1,774 80	
State returns—income tax of general school purposes	715 00	
State returns—school superintendent	193 33	
Total		$7,316 40
Expenses		
Paid James P. Fairbank, chairman of school committee	$10 00	
Gertrude M. Woodis	10 00	
Leone B. Daniels, secretary	25 00	
		$45 00
Superintendent's Salary and Expense of Office		
Paid James R. Childs; salary	$340 08	
James R. Childs, traveling expenses	52 50	
Ruth C. Cook, clerical work	3 00	
Augusta M. Dean, school census	5 00	
Postage and telephone	72	
		$401 27
Teachers		
Paid Miss Florence E. Bothwell, salary	$1,100 16	
Miss Ethel M. Braman, salary	1,100 16	
Miss Mary R. Spofford, music supervisor	193 65	
Miss Doris L. Potter, drawing supervisor	184 20	
		$2,578 17
Promotion of Health		
Paid Miss Amrean B. Blood, school nurse	$174 75	
Miss Anna W. Shattuck	8 50	
Miss Ethel M. White	3 00	

Dr. Rockwood Thayer, school physician	88 00	
		$274 25

Janitor Service

Paid W. E. Swindell, care of school		$249 75

Fuel

Paid David Labonte, 20 cords of wood @ $8.00	$160 00	
John Day, sawing wood	17 00	
Alwyn Beckwith, packing wood	3 20	
W. E. Swindell, packing wood	2 40	
		$182 60

Supplies

Paid J. R. Childs	$ 6 35	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	21 13	
J. L. Hammett & Co.	15 58	
W. T. Potts Co.	7 00	
George S. Butler	2 60	
National Education Association of U. S.	1 88	
		$54 54

Books

Paid Edward E. Babb	$17 58	
Scott Forsman & Co.	20 05	
Silver Burdett & Co.	74	
J. R. Childs	2 44	
		$40 81

Grade Transportation

Paid Robert Dwelly	$ 576 00	
Fred Parkman	1,080 00	
John O'Donnell	1,080 00	
Frank Lupa	420 00	
		$3,156 00

High School Transportation

Paid F. W. Beckwith	$112 20	
Ed. Bullard	132 80	
Dorothy Chaplin	100 00	
Isabel Daniels	143 80	
Ralph I. Daniels	141 40	
Frances Karp	93 60	
S. R. Dean	190 20	

Evanste Dufresne	130 80	
E. J. Crawford	224 80	
Mrs. Emily Hipkins	277 20	
George Lackey	172 20	
Eldredge La Count	145 20	
O. T. Loring	146 60	
Frank Lupa	130 60	
Mrs. Katherine Mullen	100 80	
Bert S. Reed	144 80	
Philip Wareing	135 00	
Oliver Wilkins	135 20	
Martin Winsky	40 80	
Mrs. Margaret Troy	85 80	
Percy F. Wilbur	145 00	
		$2,928 80

High School Tuition

Paid City of Worcester	$ 160 00	
Town of Holden	360 00	
Town of Hardwick	400 00	
Town of Rutland	240 00	
Town of Barre	1,100 00	
		$2,260 00

Miscellaneous

Paid Postage, telephone and express	$2 92	
W. A. Henning, engraving diplomas	1 75	
W. E. Swindell, transportation	1 50	
Dura Binding Co.	1 50	
J. R. Childs, telephone and tolls	3 90	
J. P. Fairbank, telephone	55	
		$12 12
Total expenditures		$12,183 34
Total appropriation	$12,500 00	
Total expenditures	12,183 34	
Unexpended balance		$316 66

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. FAIRBANK,
GERTRUDE M. WOODIS,
LEONE B. DANIELS, Secretary,
School Committee.

Report of The
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Holden, Mass., Dec. 31, 1931

To the School Committee of Oakham:

The report presented herewith for your consideration is the thirty-second in the series since the formation of the present Union, and the fourteenth by your present superintendent.

Our census shows a drop in the number of children, between the ages of five and sixteen, from 117 to 92, and the enrolment has changed from 92 to 78. This is because of the loss of the village of Coldbrook. The few children still remaining in that village are attending the White Valley School, this arrangement being cheaper than transporting them to the Center. We now have 38 children in the Primary and 40 in the Grammar room. Attendance is not quite up to last year for we have had considerable sickness.

The long and faithful service of our teachers is a matter for sincere congratulation. The work has been carried on with larger classes without any lowering of our high standards.

The usual annual poster contests sponsored by the American Humane Education Society and under the direction of our Drawing Supervisor have served to bring out some fine talent. The work in both Drawing and Music has been of high quality. The winners in the Poster Contest were Ellen Crawford, gold medal; Fred Stone and Howard Lackey, silver medals; Henry Lupa, Alberta Woodis and Stephen Winsky, honorable mention.

Our equipment for teaching is adequate for our needs and the building and class rooms are in excellent condition. The one serious problem, that of proper lighting, has been studied and reported on by the State Board of Education. It does not seem practicable to attempt the remodeling that would be necessary to increase the window space, but larger light globes have been installed and we now have good lighting on the dark days.

May I call attention to the splendid service being rendered

by our School Nurse? Her report indicates what is being done, with the co-operation of teachers and parents, along the line of health promotion and general child hygiene. The use of an Audiometer in making hearing tests was new this year. It was made possible through the Worcester League for the Hard of Hearing and the testing was done by Miss Anna C. Shattuck. Follow-up work is done by the League at a special Clinic held in Worcester. These tests should be made yearly for it is entirely possible for a child with normal hearing this year to develop serious difficulty following a sickness.

Our expenses for the year have been about the same as during the preceding year. Teachers and pupils are unusually careful in the use of books and supplies. The desks that have been in constant use for over twenty years show practically no markings or damage of any kind, but it would be well to give the tops a new finish of Duco or varnish stain. Some playground equipment is very much needed.

The County Extension Service has continued 4-H Clubs under the direction of Mrs. Cross and Miss Bothwell. There were fifteen active members. Weikko Nahkala has received special mention in the Poultry and Handicraft groups.

The radio is being used in schools more and more each year. The American School of the Air, with the support of the U. S. Department of Education and the co-operation of many of America's leading educators, presents the following:—

Monday—American History dramatizations
Tuesday—Story Telling and Music
Wednesday—Literature Dramatizations
Thursday—Music Appreciation
Friday—Vocational Information. Current Events

These are half-hour programs at 2:30 each day, and with the Damrosch Music Appreciation programs, afford a wonderful educational privilege to the country child. This is a splendid opportunity to enrich the school program.

I should like to recommend the adoption of a series of hygiene texts to be used in supplementary reading and as a basis for formal instruction. A set of Natural Science readers would give us an organized and unified course in elementary science and would be

a valuable aid in acquainting our children with the beauty and wonder of nature and the world about them.

The School Committee has given careful thought and study to all school problems that have been presented and I am deeply grateful for this support and for the splendid co-operation of the teachers, as well as for the excellent care of the building by Mr. Swindell.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The music program in the Oakham schools has remained much the same as it was last year.

The singing still plays the important part. In the Primary Grades the children first learn to sing and then to read music. The rhythmic band furnishes much enjoyment and interest and adds to the sense of rhythm.

In the grammar grades more difficult songs are learned and sung. Folk songs are best loved and we use them as much as possible. Many problems in the theory of music are met and solved. Every lesson is a lesson in the appreciation of music. The violin and the victrola help to widen the musical experience, as well as the delightful Concord Book of Folk Songs.

My weekly visit to Oakham continues to be one of the bright spots of the week.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY R. SPOFFORD.

REPORT OF THE DRAWING SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In the work of the past year projects have been planned which have been a progressive development of the previous year. More stress has been placed on the expression of individual ideas both in composition and design. Design has been an especially interesting field of creative development. Considering the increasing de-

mand for decorative design in the business world, it seems to offer a practical outlet for the child who has artistic ability.

We have made an effort to apply our designs, color study and representation to some constructive projects such as boxes, book covers, greeting cards, Christmas wrapping papers, linoleum block printed cards. Attractive blackboard designs have been made and used to decorate the school rooms.

We aim throughout to make pupils independent workers, that they may originate and produce posters and other projects with confidence and success.

The new Course of Study in Art issued by the State Department of Education is very helpful. It has been necessary to make but few changes in our course to have it coincide with the new outlines.

Respectfully submitted,

DORIS L. POTTER.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dr. Thayer has completed the physical examinations for the school year beginning in September. The children have been weighed and measured four times since January.

In April Dr. Fredricka Moore and Miss Mary Billmeyer made a Health Survey of the school, and as a result many helpful suggestions were made which are being carried out.

The children were given a hearing test by the audiometer in April. This test was conducted by Miss Grace Shattuck under the direction of the Worcester League of Hard of Hearing. The following is the report of the tests:—

Slight loss of hearing in both ears	3
Slight loss of hearing in right ear	1

In June four children were brought to the pre-school clinic which was held at Paxton, and were examined by Dr. Thayer.

The "Ten Year Program" was conducted again by the State Department of Health in October. This year the skin testing was omitted but the X-raying and physical examinations were done as before. The following report is the findings of the clinic:—

Number of children examined	4

Number of children improved	4
Number of children X-rayed	3
Number of children recommended for summer camp	1
Number of children discharged from the clinic	1

The following is the report of the work done by the nurse:—

Classroom inspections	25
Home visits	20
School hygiene talks	27
Home hygiene talks	20
Tonsil and adenoid operations	2
Children taken to infantile paralysis clinic	1

Other than one case of erysipelas there has been no communicable disease in the school, and it appears to have been a healthful year.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all who helped to make the clinics a success, also my appreciation to the teachers, parents, and superintendent for the co-operation and helpfulness shown during the year just closed.

Respectfully submitted,

AMREAN B. BLOOD, R. N.,

School Nurse.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The following is a report of the medical examination of the Oakham schools. The details of the health work and examinations are given in the report of the School Nurse.

1. Poor ventilation.
2. Over-crowding.
3. Moderate lack of co-operation in attending to defects noted in pupils last year.

I wish to commend the School Nurse on her untiring efforts in equipping the schools with proper first aid kits, on her visits to the homes, endeavoring to supervise bodily cleanliness, and on her capable manner of handling children returning to school following

contagious diseases.

Respectfully submitted,

ROCKWOOD H. THAYER, M. D.

REGISTRATION OF MINORS

October, 1931

Children in Oakham	Boys	Girls	Total
Between 5 and 7 years of age	7	6	13
Between 7 and 14 years of age	36	30	66
Between 14 and 16 years of age	4	9	13
Total	47	45	92

AGE AND GRADING CHART

Age / Grade	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Total
I	10	2										12
II	2	4	6									12
III		2	6	2		2						12
IV			1	10	1							12
V				1	5	3	1					10
VI						5	6	1				12
VII						1	5	4	1		1	12
VIII							1	6	2			9
Ungraded						1						1
Total	12	8	13	13	6	12	13	11	3	0	1	92

STATISTICS FOR 1930-1931

School	Total Mem.	Average Mem.	Average Atten.	% of Atten.
Grammar	46	40	37	93
Primary	51	44	41	95
Total	97	84	78	94

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

1930-1931

School	Teacher	Training	Appointed
Grammar—	Florence E. Bothwell	North Brookfield H. S.	1897
Primary—	Ethel M. Braman	Northfield Seminary	1907
Music—	Mary R. Spofford	Lowell N. S.	1927
Drawing—	Doris L. Potter	Keene N. S.	1927

HONOR ROLL

Perfect Attendance for THREE YEARS

Helen Bechan (½A) John Bechan Russell Dean

Perfect Attendance for TWO YEARS

Yvonne Agar

Perfect Attendance for ONE YEAR

Arlette Agar Lillian Hall Henry Lupa (1)
Henry Stone Alberta Woodis (1)

GRADUATES—JUNE 1931

Howard Lackey Marion Wilkins
Albert LaCount Stephen Winsky
Victor Smichinski William Wareing
Sophie Yurkevicius

ENROLLMENT, FALL TERM 1931

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Totals
Boys	4	8	6	4	5	4	5	4	40
Girls	3	4	5	4	8	3	6	5	38
Totals	7	12	11	8	13	7	11	9	78

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester ss:

To either of the constables of the town of Oakham, in the county of Worcester.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the first day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at all town meetings except for the election of State Officers, during the coming year.

Art. 2. To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

Art. 3. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, six Constables for one year, all on one ballot. The polls will be open at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Art. 4. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

Art. 5. To see what compensation the town will allow the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor and Constables for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their Treasurer and Collector and Town Clerk.

Art. 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropria-

tions for the same.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Art. 11. To see if the town will appoint some person as agent, to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town in the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for the Town Hall, Town Clock, and Library Building for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the suppression of the browntail moth.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to insure its employees and make an appropriation for the same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money as a reserve fund, to be used as an emergency or overdraft.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money under Chap. 90, to repair the No. Brookfield road, providing the county and state appropriate an equal sum.

Art. 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum for new bridges, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum toward a dental clinic or pass any vote relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will accept a deed from Nathan Fisk for his farm, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to establish a Road Machinery Account, to which shall be credited all receipts received for the use or rental of road machinery, the proceeds to be appropriated as voted by the town for road machinery purposes, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to appropriate (sum of money) to establish a Road Machinery Fund for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and operating road machinery.

Art. 22. To see if the town will accept $100 from Mrs. Henry Butler for the care of the S. O. Butler cemetery lot, also $100 from Walter Loring for the care of the Thomas Loring cemetery lot.

Art. 23. To see if the town will discontinue a piece of road unused since the construction of the Rutland road, near the state highway.

Art. 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for new sidewalks or pass any vote relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $44.00 for new construction at the Charlton Home Farm or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies in public places in said town seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hand this eighteenth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

JOHN P. DAY,
SYLVESTER R. DEAN,
WALTER A. WOODIS,
Selectmen of Oakham.